(b) the details of machinery to enforce such guidelines;

(c) whether the guidelines are being enforced effectively;

(d) whether Government have taken cognizance of a recent findings by an NGO that 40 per cent of petroleum products are adulterated;

(e) whether Government agree with the findings; and

(f) whether Government have fixed the responsibility of enforcing machinery for the violations of consumer rights and adulteration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) In terms of Sections 4, 6, 7, 8, 8A & 8B of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, Consumer Protection Councils have been notified at the Central level (Central Consumer Protection Council), State level (State Consumer Protection Councils) and at the District level (District Consumer Protection Councils) to promote and protect the consumer rights.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Department of Consumer Affairs is not aware of recent findings of an NGO on 40% of petroleum products being adulterated.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Transportation rate of FCI

2300. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transportation rates of FCI from Jammu to Srinagar for the year 2005-06 are lower than the rates of the years 2001 to 2003, whereas the prices of the diesel has doubly increased in the year 2006;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is in the knowledge of Government and the details of action taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government intend to conduct an inquiry into this disturbing mystery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The transportation rates of the FCI for movement of stocks from Jammu to Srinagar are as under:-

SI.No.	Period	Rate/Qtl.
1.	7.7.2000 to 21.4.2002	Rs. 96.60
2.	22.4.2002 to 15.7.2004	Rs. 109.00
3.	28.4.2005 to 28.3.2006	Rs. 111.11

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Weights and measurement licences

+2301. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that weights and measurement licences are issued every year by the State Governments with the concurrence of Central Government;

(b) whether the Central Government would like to consider on renewing the weights and measurement licences at an interval of every three years instead of yearly renewal; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir. Licences for manufacture of weights and measures are issued by the Controller, Legal Metrology of the State Government.

(b) and (c) The Central Government has already approved the amendment to the Standards of Weights and Measurement (Enforcement) Rules of States/UTs, providing for renewal of lincence by the Controller for a period of 5 years on payment of 5 times the prescribed fee. State Governments have been advised in March, 1999 to adopt
these rules.

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